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(Docket No. IN-5516)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Peter BETZ et al.

Serial No.: 09/914,545

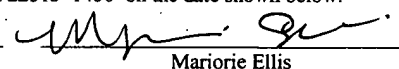
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For: Sol-Gel Coatings for Single-Layer or Multi-Layer Varnishes

Group Art Unit: 1762

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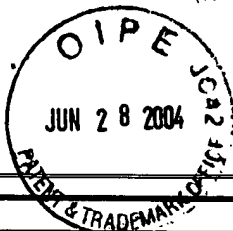
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner initial		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	20040110012	06/10/04	Bier et al.			09/29/03
	AB	5,233,006	08/03/93	Wolter et al.			04/05/91
	AC	5,717,125	02/10/98	Wolter et al.			05/11/95
	AD	5,853,809	12/29/98	Campbell et al.			09/30/96
	AE	5,998,504	12/07/99	Groth et al.			04/03/98
	AF	6,288,198	09/11/01	Mechtel et al.			12/24/99
	AG	6,419,989	07/16/02	Betz et al.			09/08/99
	AH	6,620,514	09/16/03	Arpac et al.			10/06/00
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	AL	DE19910876	05.10.00	DE				X
	AM	DE3836815	26.07.90	DE				X
	AN	EP365027	25.04.90	EP				X
	AO	EP450625	09.10.91	EP				X
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**OTHER ART** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AQ	English Language Abstract for DE19910876 from EPO, 2000-10-05.
	AR	English Language Abstract for DE3836815 from EPO, 1990-07-26.
	AS	English Language Abstract for EP365027 from EPO, 1990-04-25.
	AT	English Language Abstract for EP450625 from EPO, 1991-10-09.
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